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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government issue instructions to the District Veterinary Officers to bring to the notice of the public the information revealed just now that the Government are prepared to give subsidy for such purposes so that private agencies may come forward to start such Gosamvardans? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already referred to this especially in all meetings I happened to address. The question put by the hon. Member and the answer given may give sufficient publicity to this question and I would request the hon. Member to take some interest so that if one place starts such Gosamvardan, it may give fillip for others starting such Gosamvardans and that will give enough and adequate publicity that is required."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister said that the report of the committee was under the active consideration of the Government. Is there anything called ' quasi consideration '? May I also ask, Sir, how long will the Government consider? " 3-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, even on a rough perusal of the report, the Government feel that there is much in the report which should be taken into account, and that the Government should accept the report and implement it. That is what we mean when we say that Government are actively considering certain proposals."

Starting of an Arts College in Cuddalore.

* 207 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals before the Government of Madras to start an Arts College either by the Government or through private agencies in Cuddalore;

(*b*) whether any private agency has submitted recently any proposal to the Government to start such a college; and

(*c*) if so, the place at which it is proposed to be started?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) The question does not arise."

Merger of the Prohibition department with the Police department.

* 208 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have come to any decision in regard to the merger of the Prohibition department with the Police department, and if so, what it is?;

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(*b*) the nature and number of assaults made on the prohibition staff during the years 1952–53, 1953–54 and 1954–55 districtwar;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the prohibition staff above the rank of petty officers are not supplied with uniforms at Government cost; and

(*d*) what is the basis; (i) for the grant of D.VIA, D.II and D.I.B. licences under the Madras Prohibition Act; (ii) for the grant of foreign liquor permits to consumers.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The enforcement of Prohibition has been transferred to the Police department throughout the State with effect from 3rd January 1955.

" (*b*) A statement * furnishing the information is placed on the Table of the House.

" (*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*d*) (i) The following conditions will have to be satisfied :—

(1) The applicant should not have been convicted of any offence under the Madras Prohibition Act or of any other cognizable and non-bailable offence;

(2) the applicant should be a resident of the place where the licence is required;

(3) the applicant's personal circumstances, his previous experience in the line and the local needs should justify the grant of the licence; and

(4) the privilege is not likely to be misused.

(ii) Permits for the possession of foreign liquor for personal consumption are granted to Indians on production of medical certificates issued by paid Civil Surgeons. In the case of non-Indians, liquor permits are issued without requiring them to produce medical certificates."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

* DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, some of us sitting on this side of the House had arranged that we should, immediately after the presentation of the budget, adjourn with a view to consider all the aspects of the budget and to see how a fruitful discussion could be conducted in this House. I have just spoken to the Leader of the House on this, and I am very thankful for the assurance he has given that the House may adjourn at the conclusion of the presentation of the budget and that we may have an opportunity to discuss the items left over on a future occasion. I shall be glad if that can be implemented."

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